

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2073

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 16, 2006

An act to amend Section 7151 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to contractors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2073, as introduced, Matthews. Home improvement: exemption for fire alarm installation.

Existing law licenses and regulates contractors by the Contractors' State License Board. Existing law imposes certain requirements on home improvement contractors and home improvement salespersons and defines "home improvement" for purposes of those provisions. Existing law also regulates alarm company operators by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

This bill would exclude the installation of a fire alarm, in conjunction with an alarm system, in a residence by a licensed alarm company operator from the definition of home improvement for those purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7151 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 7151. (a) "Home improvement" means the repairing,
- 4 remodeling, altering, converting, or modernizing of, or adding to,
- 5 residential property and shall include, but not be limited to, the

1 construction, erection, replacement, or improvement of
2 driveways, swimming pools, including spas and hot tubs,
3 terraces, patios, awnings, storm windows, landscaping, fences,
4 porches, garages, fallout shelters, basements, and other
5 improvements of the structures or land ~~which~~ *that* is adjacent to a
6 dwelling house. “Home improvement” shall also mean the
7 installation of home improvement goods or the furnishing of
8 home improvement services.

9 (b) For purposes of this chapter, “home improvement goods or
10 services” means goods and services, as defined in Section 1689.5
11 of the Civil Code, ~~which~~ *that* are bought in connection with the
12 improvement of real property. ~~Such~~ *Those* home improvement
13 goods and services include, but are not limited to, carpeting,
14 texture coating, fencing, air conditioning or heating equipment,
15 and termite extermination. Home improvement goods include
16 goods ~~which~~ *that* are to be so affixed to real property as to
17 become a part of real property whether or not severable
18 therefrom.

19 (c) *For purposes of this chapter, “home improvement” does*
20 *not include the installation of a fire alarm in a residence by an*
21 *alarm company operator licensed pursuant to the Alarm*
22 *Company Act, Chapter 11.6 (commencing with Section 7590),*
23 *and installed in conjunction with an alarm system, as defined in*
24 *subdivision (n) of Section 7590.1.*